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Under the date line 7 June 1948, the German Economic Commission published a supplement to their Inventory and Property Assessment Directive, dated 24 May 1948. This supplement was intended to assist in the preparing of reports of initial capital holdings for the People's Combines (Volkseigene Betriebe) as of 1 July 1948. Para. 2 reads as follows:

2. Rented Articles of Plant Property.

In compiling the list of plant property it will be noted that according to Directive 1 of the SMA Order No. 64, 28 April 1948, all property which was exclusively or predominantly used by the plants until 9 May 1945 will be considered as expropriated and is to be included in the initial balances. This includes in particular all leased or rented property assets which were used by the plant until 9 May 1945.

In the case of People's Combines of the main power and coal administrations, these rulings do not apply to municipal property.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: The original purpose of these combines was supposedly to communize (socialize) the property of war criminals and war profiteers. The above action, taken without regard to the original ownership of the property, will in many cases be depriving persons who were themselves victims of fascism.

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